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In the Specification:

At column 36, row 24, delete the header "TABLE 1" and insert -- TABLE 2 --;

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At column 37, row 33, delete the header "TABLE 3" and insert -- TABLE 4 -- .

In the Claims:

In Claim 7, delete "SEQ ID NOs:50, 51, 52, 94, 96, 97 and 99." And insert -- SEQ ID" NOs:50, 51, 53, 94, 96, 97 and 99. --.

In support of the above request, Patentees respectfully note that the references to be cited on the cover page of the issued patent were cited on the Information Disclosure Statement form PTO-1449, submitted July 18, 2002, and in the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement form PTO-1449, submitted October 2, 2002, both in connection with the present application. The Examiner-initialed copy of these Information Disclosure Statements are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

Furthermore, Patentees point out the Table 2, 3, and 4 headers were amended as shown above in the Second Preliminary Amendment submitted January 25, 2002 in connection with the present application, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Finally, Patentees note that claim 7 in the issued should list SEQ ID NO:53 in place of SEQ ID NO:52 as shown above. This is correct because claim 7 in the issued patent corresponds to claim 231 as amended in Applicants response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed August 22, 2003 which recited "...SEQ ID NOs:50, 51, 53, 94, 96, 97 and 99," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The above mistakes were not in the application as filed or amended by Patentees, and thus appear to be the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is hereby

requested that a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.322 be issued for the above-identified patent. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 254 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, no fee is required.

Submitted herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction (Form PTO/SB/44). Patentees respectfully request the issuance of the Certificate of Correction.

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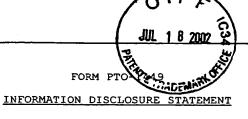
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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

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FIG. 11A and 11B illustrate the effect of Ckβ-6 on histamine and LTC4 release from human eosinophils and the ability of anti-CCR3 to block such activity.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 16, with the following paragraph:

In accordance with an aspect of the present invention, there is provided an isolated nucleic acid (polynucleotide) which encodes for the full-length or mature polypeptide having the deduced amino acid sequence of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) or for the mature polypeptide encoded by the cDNA of the clone deposited at the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209, as ATCC Deposit No. 75703 on March 10, 1994.

Please replace the text at page 61, line 11, with the following text:

Table 2

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Table 3

Please replace the text at page 63, line 3, with the following text:

Table 4

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 101, line 24, with the following paragraph:

The effect of $Ck\beta$ -6 on the distribution of the primitive hematopoietic progenitors in peripheral blood, spleen, and bone marrow was studied in 16 week old C57B1/6 mice (about 20 g). In the first experiment, 3 mice were injected i.p. daily with 1 mg/kg Ckβ-6 or saline for 2 days and analyzed 24 hours after the last injection. In the second experiment, another 3 mice were injected i.p. daily with 1 mg/kg Ckβ-6 or saline for 4 days and analyzed 24 hours after the last injection. In both the experiments, the blood of each animal was collected by cardiac puncture and the mice were sacrificed to obtain bone marrow and spleens. The indicated number of cells from each of the tissues was then plated in duplicates in agar-containing medium in the presence of 5 ng/ml IL-3, 50 ng/ml SCF, 5 ng/ml M-CSF and 10 ng/ml IL-1a and incubated for 14 days. In the 2 experiments, the data from the different animals were pooled and expressed as mean ± S.D. The results of both experiments shows that Ckβ-6 mobilize stem cells from bone marrow to peripheral blood (Tables 2 and 3). In the first experiment, after 2 days of treatment with Ckβ-6, the frequency of HPP-CFC, LPP-CFC and immature cells in peripheral blood increased significantly over the controls. No changes were observed in the spleen and a significant decrement of HPP-CFC was observed in the bone marrow (Table 2). In the second experiment, after 4 days of treatment with Ckβ-6, the same significant increment of HPP-CFC, LPP-CFC and immature cells frequency was observed in peripheral blood. A significant increment of immature cells frequency was observed in the spleen and a significant decrement of HPP-CFC and LPP-CFC was observed in the bone marrow Table 3. In particular it is important to note the presence of immature hematopoietic cells in the peripheral blood after the injection of $Ck\beta$ -6. The effect was observed in the animals treated with $Ck\beta$ -6 was not due to toxicity as the FACScan profile of the leukocyte composition of both the control and the mice treated with $Ck\beta$ -6 is identical Table 4.

Remarks

The specification has been amended to update the address of the ATCC and to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Early notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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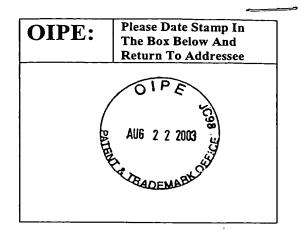
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2003 (Paper No. 10), please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit a Fee Transmittal Sheet concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.

Listing of Claims:

1-40 (Canceled)

- 41. (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting the activation or mobilization of eosinophils in an individual in need thereof comprising administering to said individual a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence shown in any one of SEQ ID NO:48.
- 42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 41, wherein said polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
- 43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 41, wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
- 44-135 (Canceled)
- 136. (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting the activation or mobilization of basophils in an individual in need thereof comprising administering to said individual a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence shown in any one of SEQ ID NO:23-114 the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:48.
- 137. (Previously presented) The method of claim 136, wherein said polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
- 138. (Previously presented) The method of claim 136, wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

139-230 (Canceled)

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- 231. (New) A method of inhibiting the activation or mobilization of eosinophils in an individual in need thereof comprising administering to said individual a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence shown in any one of SEQ ID NOs:50, 51, 53, 94, 96, 97, and 99.
- 232. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
- 233. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
- 234. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:50.
- 235. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:51.
- 236. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:53.
- 237. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:94.
- 238. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:96.
- 239. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:97.

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- 240. (New) The method of claim 231, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:99.
- 241. (New) A method of inhibiting the activation or mobilization of basophils in an individual in need thereof comprising administering to said individual a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence shown in any one of SEQ ID NOs:50, 51, 53, 94, 96, 97, and 99.
- 242. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
- 243. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
- 244. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:50.
- 245. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:51.
- 246. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:53.
- 247. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:94.
- 248. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:96.
- 249. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:97.

250. (New) The method of claim 241, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:99.

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Remarks

Claims 44-135 and 139-230 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 41 and 136 have been amended to recite only SEQ ID NO:48. Further, claims 231 to 250 have been added. Claims 231-250 correspond to claims 71-72, 74, 115, 117-118, 120, 166-167, 169, 210, 212-213, and 215, and in part to dependent claims 42-43 and 137-138. These amendments are fully supported by the specification as filed as detailed below, and thus no new matter has been added.

Claims 41-43, 136-138, and 231-250 are pending. The Examiner has indicated that claim 69 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants note that independent claim 41, from which claim 69 depended, has been amended to refer only to the subject matter of claim 69. Further, the Examiner made no specific rejection to dependent claims 42-43. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 41-43 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the reconsideration and withdrawal of the previous restriction requirement.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph – Written Description

The Examiner has rejected claims 136-230 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. See Paper No. 10, page 3. In particular, the Examiner contends that "[t]he specification as originally filed does not disclose the concept of inhibiting the activation or mobilization of basophils using the peptides recited in the claims. The concept is not specifically disclosed, and does not flow naturally from the specification." Id.

In response, Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse. Preliminarily, Applicants apologize for the failure to more clearly identify the support for claims 136-230 in the preliminary amendment; such support is identified below. Applicants also note that claims 139-230 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting any rejection of such claims. However, Applicants respond to the instant rejection as it may be applied to pending claims 136-138 and 241-250.

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Original claim 18 specifically recites a method "wherein said polypeptide inhibits activation or mobilization [sic] of basophils." The antecedent polypeptide for claim 18 includes the polypeptides recited in the claims, such as Pro (4) to Arg (73) of SEQ ID NO:2, *i.e.*, SEQ ID NO:48. See original claims 1 and 6. Thus, the specification specifically claims the concept of inhibiting the activation or mobilization of basophils using the peptides recited in the present claims.

Moreover, the specification teaches that CkB-6 acts as a chemoattractant for both eosinophils and basophils. See pages 11-12 (description of Figures 10-12), and 106-107 (Examples 10-11). The specification also teaches that negative dominant mutants of Ckβ-6, such as the polypeptide antagonists recited in the claims, bind to the Ckβ-6 receptor (CCR3), but fail to activate the cells to which they bind. See page 41, lines 5-29, and page 65, line 24 to page 66, line 6. The specification further teaches that basophils express CCR3. See, e.g., page 107 (Example 11). Based on the above, the specification discloses methods for using such antagonists inhibit the activation or mobilization of basophils, including:

The antagonists may be employed to treat inflammation by preventing the attraction of eosinophils or <u>basophiles</u> [sic] to a wound or a site of trauma, and to regulate normal pulmonary macrophage populations, since acute and chronic inflammatory pulmonary diseases are associated with sequestration of mononuclear phagocytes in the lung. They may also be employed to treat rheumatoid arthritis, since MCP levels were found to be significantly elevated in synovial fluid from rheumatoid arthritis patients which suggests that synovial production of $Ck\beta$ -6 attracts eosinophils or <u>basophils</u> whose influx and activation are important in the pathogenesis of both degenerative and inflammatory arthropathies.

The antagonists may also be employed to prevent allergies, since it has been shown that MCPs directly induce histamine release by <u>basophils</u>. Related immunological disorders including late phase allergic reactions, chronic urticaria, and atopic dermatitis can be treated by antagonists which are effective to inhibit chemokine-induced mast cell and <u>basophil</u> degranulation and release of histamine. ...

Antagonists may also be employed to treat rheumatoid arthritis by preventing the attraction of eosinophils and <u>basophils</u> into synovial fluid in the joints of patients.

Page 67, line 13 to page 68, line 9.

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Thus, the specification specifically discloses and claims the concept of inhibiting the activation or mobilization of basophils using the peptides recited in the present claims. Applicants respectfully assert that one skilled in the art would reasonably conclude that the inventors had possession of the claimed methods of inhibiting both eosinophils and basophils upon reading the specification as filed. Therefore, the instant rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly lacking written description should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph – Enablement

The Examiner has rejected claims 41-68 and 70-135 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not enabling a person skilled in the art to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims. See Paper No. 10, pages 3-5. In particular, the Examiner accepts that the specification is enabling for the claimed invention wherein a polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:48 is administered, but contends that it "does not reasonably provide enablement for administration of any other polypeptides to inhibit the activation or mobilization of eosinophils;" Applicants presume that the Examiner also intended the assertion to apply to the activation or mobilization of basophils. Specifically, the Examiner notes that the specification teaches that SEQ ID NO:48 (residues 4-73 of SEQ ID NO:2) inhibited chemotaxis of eosinophils in vitro, but contends that the specification provides "no guidance regarding what sequences other than those three amino acid residues can be deleted without loss or change of activity."

In response, Applicants respectfully disagree, and assert that the previously pending claims are fully enabled by the specification in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. However, Applicants note that claims 44-135 and 139-230 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering any rejection of those claims moot. Further, claims 41 and 136 have been amended to recite only SEQ ID NO:48 (which the Examiner has agreed is enabled), thus obviating the rejection as to claims 41-43 and 136-138. Applicants respond to the instant rejection as it may be applied to new claims 231-250, which recite SEQ ID NOS:50, 51, 53, 94, 96, 97, and 99.

The test for enablement is whether one reasonably skilled in the art could make or use the claimed invention from the disclosure in the patent coupled with information

known in the art without undue experimentation. See, e.g., M.P.E.P. § 2164.01(a). In the instant case, Applicants note that the Examiner has not addressed page 41, lines 5-15 of the specification, which teaches that:

The present invention further relates to Ckβ-6 antagonists. In particular, a deletion of the first three N-terminal amino acid residues of the mature Ckβ-6 protein (i.e., a deletion of Val(1) to Ile(3) in SEQ ID NO:2) results in a polypeptide having antagonistic activity. Thus, according to the present invention, Ckβ-6 antagonists are provided wherein the amino terminus is residue 4 of SEQ ID NO:2 and the carboxyl terminus is residue m, wherein m is any residue of SEQ ID NO:2 from residue 48 to residue 93. Specific Ckβ-6 antagonists according to the present invention include, but are not limited to: Pro(4) to Arg(73); Pro(4) to Arg(75); Pro(4) to Ala(76); Pro(4) to Ala(78). Optionally, the Ckβ-6 antagonists of the present invention can include a Met residue at the N-terminus.

Thus, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner, and note that specific guidance is given as to which polypeptides sequences act as antagonists capable of inhibiting eosinophil or basophil activation or mobilization. Moreover, the specification teaches several assays for verifying that a particular Ckβ-6 antagonist as described above inhibits eosinophil or basophil activation or mobilization, including an *in vitro* chemotaxis assay as described in Example 10, an *in vitro* calcium (Ca2+) release assay as described in Example 9, and an *in vivo* assay as described in Example 12. See pages 105-108. The use of such assays would be routine by one skilled in the art. While the Examiner has specifically noted the results of these assays as regarding SEQ ID NO:48, only a cursory assertion has been made as to why it would constitute undue experimentation for one skilled in the art to verify the remaining antagonists using the disclosed assays.

Applicants also point out that 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, only requires that Applicants enable what is claimed. As noted above, the scope of the pending claims is not identical to the previously pending claims. In particular, Applicants point out that claims 231-250 are directed to SEQ ID NOS: 50, 51, and 53, corresponding to the specific Ckβ-6 antagonists described above other than SEQ ID NO:48, and to SEQ ID NOS:94, 96, 97, and 99, which correspond to SEQ ID NOS:48, 50, 51, and 53 with the addition of a Met residue at the N-terminus. In light of the guidance given in the specification that "a deletion of Val(1) to Ile(3) in SEQ ID NO:2 results in a polypeptide having antagonistic

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activity," and the specific description of SEQ ID NOS: 48, 50, 51, 53, 94, 96, 97, and 99 as antagonists at page 41, lines 5-15, the pending claims are fully enabled.

Accordingly, Applicants assert that the pending claims are in compliance with the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and respectfully request that the instant rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

Entry of the above remarks is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicants would expedite the allowance of this application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such an extension is requested and the appropriate fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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